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In re application of: Federspiel *et al.*

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AND DROUGHT TOLERANCE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

This document accompanies an RCE and is submitted in response to the Final Office action dated November 29, 2006. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before February 28, 2007. A petition for a one-month extension for response accompanies this Amendment, now making a response due on or before **March 29, 2007**. If any additional fees are required in connection with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550.

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